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London
At a Court of Assistants and
Common-Hall, holden for the
Society of APOTHECARIES,
London, the First Day of
July, 1708.



DIVERS Complaints being made, That great Numbers of Foreigners (not having passed any Examination, and very ignorant in the Profession) do daily Set up, and exercise the Trade of an APOTHECARY, within the Limits of the Charter; to the Damage of the Sick, and Prejudice of the Members of this Company.

AND it being conceived, That the said Grievance doth chiefly proceed from the Liberty lately taken by the Members of this Society, to employ Foreign Journey-Men and Servants, at small Wages, without first bringing them to be Examined, and their Names Entred at the Hall, according to the Ordinances.

THEREFORE for Remedying the said Abuse, and Preventing the many Mischiefs that may arise by the Ignorance and Insufficiency of such Journey-Men and Servants,

IT is Ordered, That no Member of this Society do, or shall at any time hereafter, take or retain as his Journey-Man or Servant, to be Employed in his Trade, any Person not having duly Served his Apprenticeship to a Free-Man of this Company; until he shall have Presented such Journey-Man or Servant to the Master and Wardens for the Time being, at one of the usual Monthly Courts, in order to be Examined touching his Skill in the said Profession; and until he shall be Approved by Them, and such Approbation Signified under their Hands; and the Agreement to be Entred by the Clerk, according to the Ordinances: And that on Neglect, or Refusal, the Penalty of 53 s. 4 d. for each Month such Journey-Man or Servant shall be so kept, shall be strictly required, and on Non-Payment be Sued for, without farther Order.

THAT before such Approbation given, each Journey-Man shall enter into a Covenant, not to Set up, or Exercise the Trade of an APOTHECARY within the City of LONDON, or Seven Miles Compass thereof.

THAT, for the better Observation hereof, Printed Copies of these ORDERS be left with every Free-Man of the Company.